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Dear Kim,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us at the end of May about Lincoln's stormwater education needs. **Although we were not able to tackle your top stormwater education priority, enforcing erosion controls and maintaining stormwater BMPS, we have drafted several approaches for general education that we believe will pave the way for the more specific education you are seeking. In terms of addressing your top education priorities, on August 27th, RI NEMO will begin the first of its erosion and sediment control workshops, offered in cooperation with RIDEM, RIDOT, and SRICD. Additional workshops will follow over the course of the next year, and we hope that those workshops will provide some of the assistance that you are seeking on that topic.**

The suggestions in the provided plan center upon low-cost, straight-forward methods of education, focusing on three audiences: kids; homeowners; and local business owners, and each educational goal in the attached plan offers a variety of approaches. They do not all need to be used; **let us know which of those methods seem most appropriate or feasible for you, and we can help draft a timeline for implementation and help in any development or further customization of materials. We have added footnotes to each section, highlighting tasks with which we can help.**

The table of possible education methods for each issue offers contact names. Contact information for many of those groups can be found within the relevant section of the binder we provided, *Reaching Out To Residents*.

Additionally, **if you are able to identify volunteers** from the Town's Conservation Commission, neighborhood associations, or watershed groups, who could help coordinate some of the suggested activities, we could add that to the strategy. Also, a regional approach offers several advantages, so it might even be worth investigating whether you could pool resources with other neighboring communities. Both Woonsocket and Pawtucket have contacted us about stormwater education, so there might be a possibility of working with them.

Finally, during our discussion at the end of May, we touched upon the idea of improving stormwater standards for individual lots. As the new RI Stormwater Design and Installation Standards are adopted, it will be a opportune time to offer education that focuses on raising awareness about, and promoting compliance with, adopted policies or ordinances that support the new standards. To that end, we've attached a few example ordinances under a third educational goal within the plan. When you are ready to propose an ordinance update we can help with supporting education and outreach.

We look forward to hearing from you and continuing to work on Lincoln's stormwater education and outreach.

Best regards,

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